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1. The airfield was west of OREL (36°51' East, 52°57' North), Moscow Oblast, northwest of the road to MARKOV and north of the railroad line to BRYANSK. About 100 engineer soldiers were continually hauling broken stones to the field, which was apparently improved.
2. The following installations were on the eastern edge of the field:
  - a. A brickyard with a smokestack, about 100 feet high.
  - b. A white tower, about 33 feet high, built in May 1949, and called radio station.
  - c. A partially destroyed building.An orchard was south of the field.
3. The field was occupied by conventional fighters and jet fighters.
4. The conventional fighters, which were very similar to the Me-109, were designated as Yaks [REDACTED], former air force soldiers.
5. The jet fighters were of the following two types:
  - a. Larger plane: One jet power plant in fuselage, nose compartment conspicuously stubby, step aft of wings, edges of wings perpendicular to fuselage. Shape of fuselage when seen from below: thin in the middle, swelling forward tail. Nose wheel.
  - b. Smaller plane: Short, pointed wings not swept back, in nose of fuselage one jet power plant with step aft of wings.

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6. One of the two jet fighter types had three rods, each about 20 inches, protruding beyond nose compartment. Some jet fighters had a cigar-shaped body under the wing tips. All aircraft were painted a bright silver.
7. The jet fighters flew mostly in close V formation of four to six planes at an altitude of about 1,000 feet. Not more than eight planes were seen aloft at the same time. After one or two local flights the planes landed individually.
8. No night flying or night lights were seen.
9. A small airfield was about three miles north of OREL.

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Comment:

a. The information on the stage of construction and occupation of the field west of OREL confirms previous reports. It is still assumed that, in addition to commercial aircraft, a fighter school for retraining on jet aircraft is also stationed there. According to a previous report it was assumed that the school was equipped with conventional aircraft of a LA model but this report indicates that a Yak type is concerned. Further reports are required for clarification. According to the above description and previous reports, it is assumed that the jet aircraft are MIG-9s and Yak-17s (sic). The possibility that wing tip tanks are fitted to the jet aircraft also seems to be confirmed by this report (cigar-shaped body at wing tips mentioned in para 6).

b. The reported airfield north of OREL presumably is the field mentioned in a previous report \*.  
No details are available.

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